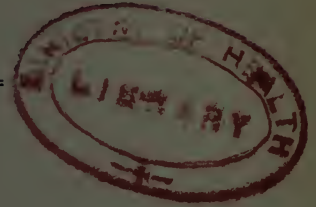


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To the Knottingley Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration, my report for the year 1938, in compiling which I have followed the instructions issued by the Ministry of Health.

Knottingley.

The Township is situated on the South Side of the River Aire. Here, the River is joined by the Aire and Calder Canal, which divides the District in two.

The Railway is a joint one served by the L.N.E.R. and L.M.S. Railways.

The numerous local industries derive full benefit from these various channels of communication, but appropriate sites for the development of factories have by no means been absorbed and applications for Sites for new Industries will be sympathetically considered by the Local Authority if Directors will state their full requirements and ask for information and help.

Chief Industries.

- Glass Bottle Making.
- Ship Building.
- Chemical Factory.
- Railways.
- Potteries.
- Foundries.
- Gas Works.
- Electric Power Station.

Statistics and Social Condition of the Area.

Area, 2,837 acres.

Population (estimated 1938), 9,178.

Number of inhabited houses, 2,417.

Number of Families or separate occupiers

Rateable Value net, £49,518.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £179.

Vital Statistics.

Total, 171.

Live Births, Legitimate, 95 Males. 76 Females.

Illegitimate, 6 Males. 2 Females.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population,
19.50.

Still Births, 9. 4 Males. 5 Females.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 47.87.

Deaths, 111. 63 Males. 48 Females.

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population,
12.09.

The Standard Death Rate introduced to compare with
the rest of the county is 13.90 compared with 11.6
for country as a whole.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:—

Puerperal Sepsis ... Nil.

Other Puerperal Causes Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births, 50.28.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births,
52.63.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births,
0.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	8
„ „ Measles „	...	...	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	1

These figures on the Registrar General's Return are corrected from Inward and Outward Transfers.

The Birth Rate, 19.50, is slightly lower than last year but compares favourably with that of England and Wales which is 15.1.

The Death Rate, 12.09, remains about the same.

Analysis of Death Rate:-

The various causes of death are shown in the appended Table, S.D. 30.

The number of deaths from Cancer, 8, shows a considerable decrease on that of last year when it was 17. Heart Disease, 33, shows an increase of 7 and Pneumonia, 10, remains the same.

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Diphtheria.

Cases of diphtheria increased in numbers during the first three months of the year reaching a mild epidemic form. Six cases were notified in January, nine in February and thirteen in March when it reached the peak, falling in April to two cases. Isolated cases were reported throughout the year to November and December, when five and four cases respectively were notified. Of these 50 cases, not one of the patients had been fully immunised and all the cases except one occurred in children under the age of fifteen years. This fact should encourage parents to have their children immunised and such facilities are offered to them, free of charge, in the schools or by their own doctor. Three cases proved fatal.

All the schools in the District were inspected and some hundred children examined for any possible carrier. In December, free immunisation was offered to the parents of all the children in the area (including the children under school age) and over 120 children availed themselves of the opportunity.

Scarlet Fever, 18 cases, compares very favourably with last year when 31 cases were reported and occurred chiefly in the months of January, February, October, November and December.

The Schick and Dick Tests in Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever are not made use of. Anti-toxin is now supplied in all cases for the initial dose, whether suspected or diagnosed.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

	Total cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	50	50	3
Smallpox ...	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	18	18	—
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	23	—	10
Erysipelas ...	4	1	—
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis Lethargica (Sleeping Sickness)	—	—	—

AGE & SEX INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

[illegible]

TUBERCULOSIS.**NEW CASES.****DEATHS.**

Age Period.	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1				1				1
5	1		1					
10								
15								
20								
25	1							
30	2			1				
35								
40								
45	1					1		
55 & over						1		

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority.**MEDICAL.**

Part time Medical Officer of Health, employed by the Knottingley Urban District Council and Osgoldcross R. D. Council.

Dr. J. Kehelly, M.O.H., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

OTHER.

Sanitary Inspector, whose duties include those of Surveyor, Housing Architect, and Water Engineer.

G. J. Laverick, A.M.I.S.E.

(2) Nursing in the Home.**GENERAL.**

(a) Local District Nurse exists under the Knottingley Nursing Association, independent of the County Council. Works under the Queen's Rules.

(b) Infectious Diseases:- None.

(3) Number of Midwives Practising in the Area:- Three.**GENERAL.**

(a) No co-ordination exists between the County Council or Sanitary Authority.

(b) Infectious Diseases:- None.

(4) National Health Insurance:- None.

(5) Poor Law Medical Out-relief.

Knottingley is classified as No. 2, Pontefract Area, which includes the whole Urban District and part of the Osgoldcross Rural District.

Population	Est.
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(6) Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield.

(7) Legislation in Force. (See Table C).

(8) Hospitals.

There are no Hospitals within the boundaries of the Knottingley Urban District Council.

GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ACCIDENT. General Infirmary, Pontefract.

CHILDREN. General Infirmary, Pontefract.

INFECTIOUS GENERAL. Joint Isolation Hospital,
Baghill, Pontefract.

SMALLPOX. The Conjoint Smallpox Hospital,
Shurburn-in-Elmet.

The following are dealt with by the West Riding County Council:-

Maternity.	Mental Deficiency.
Venereal Diseases.	Orthopaedic.
Tuberculosis.	Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia.
Chronic Sick.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.
Mental.	Other.

X-ray and massage are catered for at the Pontefract General Infirmary.

Dental by the Dental Hospital, Leeds.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum by the Leeds General Infirmary & Wakefield, Clayton & County Hospital.

Operative Surgery by the Pontefract General Infirmary and the Leeds Infirmary.

(9) Maternity and Nursing Homes:- None.

(10) Maternal Mortality.

Any special arrangements made for the investigation of Maternal Deaths and Cases of Puerperal Fever or Pyrexia.

These are conducted at the County Hall, Wakefield.

(11) Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants and Homeless Children.

The Haven, Pontefract.

(12) Institutional Provision, if any, for the Care of Mental Defectives. None.

(13) Ambulance Facilities.

(a) Infectious Cases, Ambulance supplied by the Conjoint Fever Hospital, Pontefract.

(b) Non-Infectious and Ambulance Cases, St. John's Ambulance, Pontefract, and Local Private Ambulance.

(14) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(a) Out-patient Dept., Pontefract General Infirmary.

(b) Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, The Schools, Chapel Street, Knottingley, under the supervision of the County Council.

(c) Anti-natal Clinics. A special Anti-natal Clinic held every fortnight and expectant mothers also are seen by the Child Welfare M.O. A large number of expectant mothers do now fully appreciate the value of this free advice and the attendance is increasing. This work should be given every encouragement.

- (d) A Toddlers Clinic has now been formed for children between the ages of two and six years and is held on two alternate Thursdays every month.

Housing and Sanitary Circumstances are covered by the Sanitary Inspector's report which I endorse and append.

In conclusion, I earnestly thank all the members of the Council for their kind consideration and help extended to me in the discharge of my duties and to Mr. Laverick for his courtesy and help throughout the year.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. KEHELLY,

M.O.H.

KNOTTINGLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Surveyor's Dept.,
Town Hall,
Knottingley,

To Dr. J. Kehelly, Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

Annual Report 1938.

The new District of Knottingley and Ferrybridge combined is settling down to a very suitable one for administration, and no doubt both places will benefit from the amalgamation.

During these trying days of International unrest, there is a tendency for Local Authorities to go wanting in any new development and I am convinced that when times are normal again, we, in this area, may look forward to a prosperous period.

There are such things as Sewage Disposal, Pumping Stations, Public Urinals, further Housing Schemes for Slum Clearance, Overcrowding, and working peoples and old peoples Dwellings, Roads, etc. all fairly urgent matters but are being delayed through the doubtful situation existing everywhere.

Knottingley have now 620 of their Own Houses, out of a total 2,375 which is well over 25%. New Schemes are practically arranged for 110 further houses (64 Knottingley, 46 Ferrybridge) and so soon as these are well on the way, more Schemes will be considered.

Sewage Works.

The Ferrybridge Sewage Works are very bad indeed and quite out of date and the Council during 1938 instructed Messrs. Weeks & Co., London to prepare a scheme to pump all Sewage from Ferrybridge and treat at the Knottingley works. The scheme has been prepared, but delayed through a scheme to link up Brotherton to Knottingley Sewage works being considered advisable. This is suggested by the Ministry of Health as it is general at the present time to do away with all small sewage works and treat at larger ones nearby.

Pumping Stations in outlying unsewered areas or provision of Mechanical Sludge Emptying Vehicle for Cess-pool emptying are being considered and will be dealt with by the Council at an early date.

On the general run the sewers are doing their work well, but over-loading in Ferrybridge and a few small sewers on the Island Court area still cause a fair amount of trouble.

The scheme for provision of sewer to Nevison Leap area is now in front of the Ministry of Health for approval.

Water.

The whole of the water to Knottingley and Ferrybridge is supplied in bulk from Pontefract Corporation.

Ferrybridge and Womersley Road are supplied directly from the Pontefract Pumping Main and the rest of the District from the Knottingley Water Tower by gravitation.

The only portion of the District without Towns supply is Holmfield. There are three wells in this area and a good well supply from two is given. The third is unsatisfactory and is being dealt with at an early date.

The Nevison's Leap area has now been provided with a sufficient supply. A 3 inch main was laid to this area during the year.

Roads.

The Mileage of Roads is:—

Classified	...	5.63
Unclassified	...	6.94

The unclassified portion will increase yearly by the provision of Housing Schemes, and the completion of Private Street Works.

Cows and Cowsheds.

I am very doubtful of the success of the Inspection of Cows by the Ministry of Agriculture Officials. I do not think inspections are so frequent and co-operation between Officials seems to be lacking, as against close co-operation between County Council Veterinary Officers and ourselves previously. No report from the Ministry of Agriculture has been forwarded to me, nor have I yet met the Official at any time.

Housing 1930-1936.

As you are aware this district is doing good work under these Acts and further work is still necessary. I feel sure 1939 will see further development in Estates.

I must still press the point of overcrowding. I do think some pressure ought to be made to the Ministry of Health to transfer the overcrowding formulae from the whole Number of Rooms to Bedroom accommodation.

I append herewith Tables C and D duly completed.

I fully anticipate 1939 will still show marked progress in the Town's welfare.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Table D.

1—Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	105
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	270
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	105
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	270
(3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action	160
(a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	56
(b) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	104

NOTE: Totals of (3) (a) and (b) should equal the figure given for (3).

2—Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	40
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3—Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	14
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	13
(a) By Owners	13
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	8
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	...			8
	(a) By Owners	...	...	...	8
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				Nil

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1)	Number of representations, etc. made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation	...			28
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...		28
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...		4

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...		Nil

4—Unhealthy Areas.

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1938? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population and action taken relative thereto.

			No. of Houses	No. of Persons to be Displaced
		Ferrybridge		
Little Lane	...	Clearance Order	3	9
Willow Tree Yard	...	"	2	4
College Yard	...	"	3	16
Broughton's Yard	...	"	11	48
Middleton's Buildings		"	7	13
Town Street	...	"	6	20
Little Lane	...	"	2	7
		Knottingley		
Worfolk's Row	...	Clearance Order	11	34
Stafford's Yard	...	"	6	16
Headlands	...	"	5	18
Bendles	...	"	5	15
Cow Lane Bridge	...	"	3	10
Pontefract Road	...	"	2	5
Spawd Bone Lane	...	"	9	29
Wood's Square	...	"	8	31
Wride's Yard	...	"	3	8

5—Number of new houses erected during 1938.

(a)	By the Local Authority	98
(b)	By private enterprise	42
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	Total	140

6—Housing Conditions.

- (1) Total number of houses in the District, 2,417.
- (2) Number of working-class houses included in the above
98.

- (3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses.

A further survey for overcrowding is being made and estimate some 30 to 40 more houses required for this purpose.

A fair number of Demolition orders will be served.

- (4) Any special activity in house building? If so, where? :- Council let Contracts for 110 houses. 64 Knottingley, 46 Ferrybridge.

Private Enterprise quite reasonable.

- (5) Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, please give particulars:-

Yes. Land being sought by Local Authority for further schemes for overcrowding cases. Demolition orders under sections 11 and 13 Housing Act, 1936.

- (6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936. No.

7—Town Planning.

- (1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which? Yes. Sheffield and District Town Planning.

- (2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for

(a) The whole of the District. Yes.

(b) Part of the District

If so, give particulars of scheme. A Committee is proposed for Pontefract Area.

- (3) Have Council during 1938 passed a Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? If so, does it relate to:—

(a) Whole of District? No.

(b) Part of District? No.

8—Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, G. J. Laverick,
Town Hall, Knottingley.

9—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken?

None, but the Council are giving consideration for further Housing Schemes for general tenants.

10—Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	16
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...		17
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...		103
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...		21
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	43
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	251
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—Nil.			
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report—			

(Signed) **G. J. LAVERICK,**

Sanitary Inspector.

TOTAL DEATHS. S.D 30.
CAUSES OF DEATH in the KNOTTINGLEY URBAN DISTRICT, 1938.

Causes of Death			Males	Females
ALL CAUSES			63	48
1	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	...	...	...
2	Measles	...	...	...
3	Scarlet fever	...	...	...
4	Whooping cough	...	...	...
5	Diphtheria	...	3	...
6	Influenza	...	...	...
7	Encephalitis lethargica	...	...	...
8	Cerebro-spinal fever	...	1	...
9	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	2	...
10	Other tuberculous diseases	...	...	1
11	Syphilis	...	1	...
12	General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis	...	...	...
13	Cancer, malignant disease	...	5	3
14	Diabetes	...	1	1
15	Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	...	...	1
16	Heart disease	...	14	19
17	Aneurysm	...	...	...
18	Other circulatory diseases	...	1	...
19	Bronchitis	...	3	4
20	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	7	3
21	Other respiratory diseases	...	1	1
22	Peptic ulcer	...	1	...
23	Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	...	1	...
24	Appendicitis	...	...	...
25	Cirrhosis of liver	...	...	...
26	Other diseases of liver, etc.	...	...	1
27	Other digestive diseases	...	1	1
28	Acute and chronic nephritis	...	6	1
29	Puerperal sepsis	...	...	...
30	Other puerperal causes	...	...	...
31	Congenital debility, premature birth, malformation, etc.	...	1	1
32	Senility	...	3	7
33	Suicide	...	4	...
34	Other violence	...	3	1
35	Other defined diseases	...	4	3
36	Causes ill-defined or unknown	...	...	...
Special Causes (included in No. 35 above).				
	Small-pox	...	...	...
	Poliomyelitis	...	...	...
	Polioencephalitis	...	...	...
Deaths of Infants under 1 year				
			Total	4
			Legitimate	4
			Illegitimate	...
LIVE BIRTHS				
			Total	78
			Legitimate	76
			Illegitimate	2
STILLBIRTHS				
			Total	5
			Legitimate	5
			Illegitimate	...

Population - 9,178.

Comparability factor 1.15.

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1938.

England and Wales, London
126 Great Towns and 148
Smaller Towns.

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County	Knottingley U.D.C.
Rates per 1,000 Population.					
Births :-					
Live	15. 1	15. 0	15. 4	13. 4	19. 5
Still	0.60	0.65	0.60	0.48	0.98
Deaths :-					
All Causes	11. 6	11. 7	11. 0	11. 4	12.09
Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.00
Scarlet fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.00
Diphtheria	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.33
Influenza	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.06	0.00
Notifications :-					
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever	2.41	2.60	2.58	2.05	1.96
Diphtheria	1.58	1.85	1.53	1.90	5.45
Enteric fever	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.00
Erysipelas	0.40	0.46	0.39	0.46	0.43
Pneumonia	1.10	1.28	0.98	0.98	2.51
Rates per 1,000 Live Births.					
Deaths under 1 year of age	53	57	51	57	50
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	5. 5	7. 8	3. 6	13. 1	0.56
Maternal Mortality :-					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.89	} Not available			0.00
Others	2.19				
Total	3.08				
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live and Still).					
Maternal Mortality :-					
Puerperal Sepsis	0.86	} Not available			0.00
Others	2.11				
Total	2.97				
Notifications :-					
Puerperal fever	14.42	18.08	12.51	3.53	0.00
Puerperal pyrexia				15.46	

Statement of notifications of Infectious Diseases received during the year 1938.

Disease.	No. of Cases Notified	No. of Cases removed to Hospital	Cases per 1,000 pop.
Small-pox	0	0	
Scarlet Fever	18	18	2.00
Diphtheria including Mem. Croup	50	50	5.50
Enteric Fever (Typhoid)	0	0	
Pneumonia	23	0	2.53
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	0.11
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	
Acute Polio-encephalitis	0	0	
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	
Typhus Fever	0	0	
Relapsing Fever	0	0	
Continued Fever	0	0	
Dysentery	0	0	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	
Puerperal Pyrexia }	0	0	
Puerperal Fever }			
Erysipelas	4	0	0.44
Respiratory Tuberculosis	5	0	0.55
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	0	0.33

TABLE C., Year 1938.

Knottingley Urban District Council.

Nuisance Inspections.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1938, for Nuisances only—

Nuisances found in 1938—130.	}	Total needing abatement—	139.
Nuisances in hand, end of 1937—9.		Abated during 1938—	120.
		Outstanding end of 1938—	19.

Notices served, Informal—48. Complied with—40.

„ „ Statutory—2. Complied with—2.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings—Nil.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in District.	No. on Register.	Total No. of Inspec- tions made.	General Condition.	Legal pro- ceedings (if any).
Common Lodging Houses	2	2	11	One moderate & not too clean	
Houses let in Lodgings ...	Nil	Nil	Nil		
Canal Boats ...	6	6	6	In district occasionally	
Knackers' Yards ...	1	1	3		
Tents, Vans and Sheds ...	1	1	1		
Offensive Trades Fish & Chips	16	16	16		
(Please specify kind.)					

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades? No.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1938— Extensions to Housing Schemes. Scheme submitted for Nevison Leap and approved, 9", 12" and 15" pipes.

Details of any portion of district still requiring—

(a) Sewering—Headlands (Pumping Station being considered),
Goole Road.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers—Yes, many small
improvements.

Number of Houses not connected to Sewers—80.

Sewage Disposal Works.

Particulars of any extensions made during 1938—Scheme prepared for Ferrybridge and waiting M. of H. enquiry. Sewage to be pumped to Knottingley.

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works?—

Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board?—Yes. Bad effluent Ferrybridge.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of Privies with open middens—8.

„ Pail or Tub Closets—38.

„ Privies with covered middens—130.

„ Water Closets—1,908.

Waste-water Closets—

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1938—(a) as w.c.'s—9.

(b) other—Nil.

No. of Closets, other than Privies, reconstructed during 1938 as W.C.'s—
Nil.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1938—

(a) w.c.'s—9. (b) other—Nil.

No. of Closets constructed in 1938 for new houses (a) w.c.'s—

(b) other—

Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies Waste-water Closets and pails to W.C. System. If so, what?
—Gradual Conversions to all Privies to W.C. where sewer available.

Scavenging.

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district ? Yes.

How is refuse disposed of ? Tipping.

If tipping is in operation, is it on the controlled system—Partly.

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse—

Water Supply.

Source of supply—From Pontefract Corporation in Bulk.

By whom distributed—Knottingley Urban District Council.

No. of Houses on Public Supply—2,383.

Any extension of supply during the year? Yes, to Housing Schemes and 3" main to Nevison's Leap.

Has supply been satisfactory ? Yes.

(a) In Quality. Yes.

(b) In Quantity. Yes.

No. of examinations made during the year—

(a) chemical—by Pontefract Corporation.

(b) bacteriological—do

Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where ? No.

Milk Supply.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922 ? Yes.

(a) For Retailers, Yes. (b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders, Yes

Have any Retailers been removed from the register ? One.

Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936 and 1938.

No. of Licences in force in area for :—

(a) Production of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk, Nil.

(b) „ „ "Accredited" Milk, Nil.

(c) In respect of Pasteurising plants, Nil.

No. of Milk samples taken by Officers of L.A. for analysis under Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, 16.

No. found adulterated, None.

No. of prosecutions, None.

No. of samples of ordinary milk taken by Officers of L.A. for :—

(a) Methylene blue test, by County Council.

(b) Presence of tuberculosis, None.

Any special examination of Milk for dirt, e.g. sedimentation test? Yes, 16, only on two occasions slightly dirty.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk during 1938 ? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district—11. No. Registered, 11.

Total No. of cowsheds, 11. Total No. of milk cows, 65.

Total No. of cowsheds inspected during the year, 11.

Total No. of Cowshed inspections, 26.

No. of wholesale traders registered, Nil.

No. of retail milk sellers registered—12.

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk—Improvement in cleanliness but buildings are old.

Meat Inspection.

Any public abattoir in district ? No.

Total No. of private slaughterhouses, 11. Made up of 11 registered and 2 licensed.

No. unsatisfactory either as regards structure, position or in other respects—Satisfactory.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known
Number killed (if known) ...	82	70	2	6	4
Number inspected ...	82	70	2	6	4
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcasses condemned		0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...		0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned ...		1	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...		1	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...		0	0	0	0

Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

Meat Marking : Is scheme in force under above ?

Other Foods.

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of L.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, Nil.

No. found adulterated, Nil. No. of prosecutions

No. of Bakehouses in district, 6. Total inspections, 6.

Are any of bakehouses underground, if so, how many ? No.

Schools.

No. of Schools in district—6. No. visited by M.O.H.—6.

Action taken, None. Schools closed by M.O.H., None.

General Sanitary Conditions, Weeland Road School Unsatisfactory.

Factories and Workshops. (Please attach copy of Home Office Form 572.)

Smoke Abatement.

No. of smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration taken during 1938, 3.

No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke, 3.

No. of cautions issued, 3.

No. of statutory notices issued, None. No. of prosecutions, None.

Shops Act, 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3).

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1938—7.

Unsatisfactory conditions found, Nil. Remedied, Fuller inspections required.

Tents, Vans, Sheds. etc.

No. in District, Nil.

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase ? No.

Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268 (4), Public Health Act, 1936 ? No.

Any action under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 ? None.

Camping Sites.

No. of sites in area which were used for camping purposes during 1938, Nil.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No. of Council houses found to be infested, 2. No. disinfested, 2.

Other houses found to be infested, 1. No. disinfested, 1.

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs? Coal Tar Naphtha Spray.

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses? Inspection, but not disinfested.

Is the work of disinfection carried out by the local authority or by a contractor? Local Authority.

What measures are taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation of houses after cleansing? Nil.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

Are there in the district :—

Any public swimming baths or pools, No. Nearest Pontefract.

Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public, No.

Any samples of bath waters examined in 1938, apart from samples submitted to the County Bacteriological Laboratory, None.

Bye-laws and Regulations in force in District.

Subject	Date of Approval		
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements	1899
Scavenging	"
Prevention of Nuisances	"
Common Lodging Houses	"
New Streets and Buildings	1925
Alteration of Buildings	"
Slaughterhouses	1899
Cemeteries	"
Mortuaries	1912
Smoke Abatement	1928

Infant Mortality.

Any suggestions ? No.

Infectious and other Diseases.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1938 ? Diphtheria.

State months, Jan., Feb., Mar., Nov. and Dec., 1938.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list ?

Any influences threatening the health of the District ?

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases ? (for areas autonomous under the M. & C.W. Act, 1918)

At Home,

In Hospital,

Isolation Hospitals.

General Infectious Diseases :—

Address of Hospital, Joint Isolation Hospital, Baghill, Pontefract.

Any change or extension in 1938,

Any disease in addition to scarlet fever, enteric fever or diphtheria (e.g. pneumonia) treated in infectious diseases hospital,

Name of authority controlling, Pontefract and District Joint Hospital Board.

Smallpox :—

Address of Hospital, Joint Smallpox Hospital, Sherburn.

Any change or extension in 1938,

Name of Authority controlling, Joint Board.

General Hospitals and Institutions.

(a) General and Accident : Address, General Infirmary, Pontefract.
Children " " "

(b) Local : Hospital, Cottage " None.

(c) Maternity Homes None.

Ambulance Services.

For General Sick and Accident Cases—

Location of Ambulance, Infirmary.

Ownership, Joint Board. Type of Ambulance, Motor.

Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient, Yes.

Charges (if any) to patients in district, No.

For General Infectious Disease Cases—

Location of Ambulance, Hospital.

Ownership, Joint Board. Type of Ambulance, Motor.

Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient, Yes.

Charges (if any) to patients in district, No.

If ambulance of another Authority is used, please state terms and conditions, None.

Mortuaries.

What accommodation (a) for accidents, One at Marsh End,
Knottingley.

(b) for infectious cases other than at Hospital, No.

(c) for other cases, One at Marsh End, Knottingley.

(d) for post mortem examination do

Any suggestions made by M.O.H., No.

Bacteriology (County Laboratory). Any suggestions? No.

Burning Spoil Banks. Any nuisance therefrom? No.

Sanitary Staff.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.?

Name of Sanitary Inspector, G. J. Laverick.

Annual Salary as Inspector, £325.

Other appointments held—Surveyor.

Salary for such other appointments—£200.

Any Assistants? One.

Is Staff sufficient?

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

Special Reports and Investigations on any Subjects

Supplementary Remarks as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries. Any suggestions as to need for County Clinics or Dispensaries, or as to existing Clinics or Dispensaries.

